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OR, A FAITHFUL
NARRATIVE
OF HIS
CONDUCT,
IN A
DEDICATION of the HISTORY
of the antient and most renowned
Knighthood of Industry.

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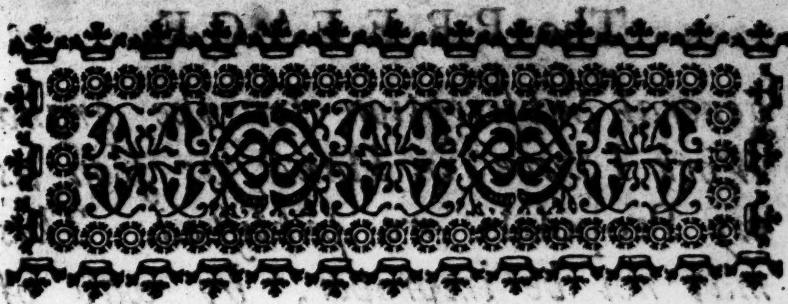


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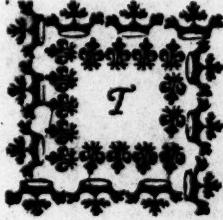
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PREFACE.

 O avoid an ill-natured
Imputation often cast by
invidious Criticks, on
Mr. Dryden, of writing
long Dedications, only for the sake
of swelling his Works to a Price, I
determined to print mine alone, and
give it gratis to my Bookseller,

O It is to be hoped, this Testimony
of my Candour and Disinterestedness
will not only procure me the good
Liking of the Publick; but also a
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The P R E F A C E.

general Subscription for the grand Work I have in Hand, as soon as my Proposals are published. This may not be improper, by way of Apology, for retailing out my Works in so universal a Manner.

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APPENDIX

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To
those
who
have
been
engaged
in
the
study
of
the
natural
history
of
the
British
Empire,
I
offer
my
best
wishes
for
success
in
their
endeavours.

T. UNDERSTRAPPER, Esq;

L— of the A—
SIR,

I HAVE often wondered
that so useful and necessary a Work, as the History I here do myself the Honour to dedicate to you, should have escaped the Learned of all Ages to this Time, considering too, what other Volumes have been written on other Orders of *Knight-hood*, much inferior to this I have undertaken to celebrate; such as those of the *Garter*, *Thistle*, *Bath*, *Holy Ghost*, *Golden Fleece*, *St. Louis*, *the*

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the Spur, the Elephant, that of the
Post, sum multis aliis. I will ven-
ture to affirm, this is the most an-
tient Order in the World, and that
it has produced more extraordinary
Personages than all the others put
together; nay, it may be easily
proved too, that few or none ever
arrived at high Ranks in other
Orders, but such as were shining
Ornaments of this; a Man must
necessarily be of it to rise in the
World; so that it may properly
enough be called the real Fountain
of Honour among us Moderns, who
center all Honours, not in *Probity*
and *Virtue*, but in *Wealth* and
Power.

IT is a general Receptacle for
Mankind; it takes in Men of all
Religions, Ranks, and Denomina-
tions, up from a Newgate or Treas-
ury Solicitor, to the Ambassador
extraordinary, or Prime Minister.
And,

And, what is yet more peculiar,
 the Clergy, exempted from the
 Honours of all other Orders, are
 admitted into this Confraternity ;
 and I will assure you, that very
 many of our own, and even of our
Right Reverends, make no incon-
 siderable Figure among the *Indus-*
trious : But, what is still more sur-
 prising, even the fair Sex, exempt-
 ed, by Nature, one would think,
 from Chivalry, are admitted Mem-
 bers of this renowned Order. Many
 are the Instances of female Heroism
 in the Course of this History, and
 very many of our own *British* Fair,
 are not more famous for Beauty,
 than for *Industry* ; but, to our
 Shame be it said, the *foreign Belles*,
 among us, have always excelled
 our Natives in the laudable Arts of
Industry.

LIKE the present Order of *Mal-*
tba, it is constituted of a Grand
 Master,

Master, honorary only, whom you will presently guess to be his Holiness of *Rome*; and, like that too, every Empire, Kingdom, or State in the World, has its Grand Prior, to whom the particular Knights of each Province pay intire Submission. Your own Experience will naturally confirm you in this Truth, by reflecting on the Resignation and Conformity of the present Knights of Great Britain to the Will, nay, to the Nod of our reigning Grand Prior.

OFTEN have I seen you and them engage under his auspicious Banners, at the utmost Peril of your unfullied *Reputations*, and vouch for him, in the greatest Assembly, at the trivial Expence of your *Ver---y*. But such are the distinguishing Marks by which this Sort of *Shepherd* is to know his Flock. Without these Proofs of
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your Fidelity and Attachment, you had never so largely shared of his extensive *Bounties*, nor enjoyed that Right Honourable *Sine-cure*, with which he gratified you a very few Years ago. Without these Tests of your Obedience, you had never been so highly carressed by his *Excellency*, as the World says you are; nor had you been pointed out by the Publick, as a Person fit to succeed to so great a Man, whenever it shall please him to lay down, or be under the fatal Necessity of resigning his high *Office*.

WHO then, so proper as yourself, Sir, that have given such flagrant Proofs of your Address, and early Regard for the Rights and Immunities of the *Order*, to Patronize a History of the most Renowned Knighthood of *Industry*. Your expectative Reversion of the Office of *British Grand-Prior*, adds

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to your Title of the Patronage, I therefore dedicate it to you without hesitation, regardless of what shall be said of me, for thus preferring a Rising to a Setting Sun, for the Protector of my Labours.

I FORESEE, the little weekly Dablers in Politicks, will be apt to cry down my Judgment, for my Choice of you, in Prejudice of his present *Excellency*, or his old Favorite, Sir *Whifler Spindle*, that had been, for many Years together the loudest and sprightliest of his *Enfans perdus*, and one too who had so eminently distinguished himself in the Service of the *Order*. But I, who am perfectly skilled in the Knowledge of Futurity, and in the Constitution of human Bodies, despise their Calumny. They may rail on; Time alone must give Evidence of my Foresight in the
Choice

Choice I make of you. I know my Man, the Strength of his *Lungs*, his Views, and what he is capable of. You are composed, Sir, of pretty near the same Humours and Passions with your great *Leader*, have equal Modesty with him in publick *Assemblies*, and, like him, make Pretension to a Knowledge in *Figures* and publick *Accounts*.

THESE eminent Qualifications will, infallibly, one Day or other, raise you to his high Station, except some unforeseen Accident should immaturely *cut away* your great *Prop*, before he has brought his important *Schemes* to Perfection. I must own, there seems to be very little Prospect of any thing of this Kind, considering his own natural *Iudustry*, the publick Thirst for *Gold*, the present Disregard for *Posterity*, and the Numbers and Unanimity of his *Squadrons*.

THE Work will consist of Five large Volumes in Folio, so extensive is the Subject, to which I shall add a Sixth, by Way of Supplement, giving an accurate Account of the great Personages that fill, at this Time, the high Posts of *Grand Prior* in the several Empires and Kingdoms of the World; such as *Kouly Kan*, the Grand Vizier, Prince *Eug---*, Card. *Fleu-y*, Sen. *Pat--o*, Count *Oft--n*, Count *de Ho--n*, &c. &c. &c. &c.

I RECKON this last Volume, tho' least in Bulk, to be, by far, the most entertaining; and, indeed, the most valuable Piece of the whole Work, as it contains the Lives of the present reigning Grand *Priors*, their Births, Parentage, Gifts of Nature, acquired Talents, Intrigues, both Amorous and Political, the Incidents that raised them

them to Fortune ; and, in general, their Negotiations, foreign and domestick, ever since that memorable *Aera* 1720.

Of all my Labours, this is the Tract which I more particularly recommend to your Study, as you entertain Hopes of filling, one Day, the most exalted Post in your native Country. There you will easily trace out *Matchiawel* himself, in the various Steps of Government, trod by the bright Genius you hope to succeed : There you shall see the refined Arts practised by him, for preserving Tranquillity at Home, for so many Years, and Peace Abroad, notwithstanding the utmost Efforts of his domestick Enemies, and the jarring Interests of the several Powers of *Europe* ; so prudent were all his Measures, so justly calculated his Negotiations : There you

you will behold his Knowledge and Regard for the *True Interest* of his Country, by the Encouragements given, in his Time, to *Manufactures, Navigation, and Commerce*: There too, shall you see the uncommon *Methods* he used, for endearing the *Prince* to his People, and for raising his *Charac-
ter*, amongst them, above any of his Royal Predecessors: There shall you see his *Zeal* for Religion, in the Promotion of the *Pious* and the *Learned*, and his *Piety* and *Parcimony*, in the Suppression of *Immorality* and *Luxury*: There too, his Care of Posterity, in the Discharge of the National Debt, by his frugal Management of the Publick Revenue, and by destroying the infamous Practice of *Bri-
bery, Pensions, and Corruption*: But, above all, here you shall behold his unusual *self-denying* Methods, for curbing his own natural Lust.

Lust of *Wealth*, amidst the greatest Affluence and *Opportunities*, that, perhaps, ever Man had before him.

BUT, that I may not anticipate the Pleasure which the Perusal of the Treatise itself must give you, permit me to pursue my first real Design of pitching upon you, above all others, for its *Patron*; the Scope of which is, to point out to you, who aspire at *Power* and *Dignity*, the *Arts*, by which you may arrive at both with Certainty. My Reading, and Observation on your most ingenious *Fraternity*, qualify me more, perhaps, than many others, for a Task of this Kind; and, I assure you, great as my Talents may be, I will freely bestow them on you, as not doubting but that they will, one Day, turn to the general Utility of

of my Country, as well as my own private Emolument.

You are now much about the Age, in which, a certain great Member of your Order, began to be taken Notice of: Your Situation in Life, your consummate, but laudable Assurance, your Steadiness in the Pursuit of Wealth at all Hazards, your Disregard of Publick Censure, and, in short, most of your other Endowments of Body and Mind, have a very near Resemblance to those that were useful to the great Man, mentioned above towards raising himself, and pushing his Fortune in the World. Thus equipped, both by Art and Nature, you will meet no Difficulty in treading a Path so lately chalked out, by the most resplendent Ornament of the Order of *Industry*.

As you have already, like him, swerved from the Principles you were born and bred up in, I don't find it necessary to give you any Lessons on the Nature and Choice of Principle; but chuse rather, to take you up just as you are, and lead you forward to Preferment.

YOU are to set out with a fix'd Resolution of being ever *affiduous* at Court, and constantly *busy* in *Parliament*. As the one will help to make you familiar with your Superiors, the other will render you of some Importance to the Party you seem to embrace, and be the Means of raising you to some distinguished Post. As soon as you shall be fixed in your Employment, convinced the World of your Talents and *Industry*, by making the most of your Place, no Matter by what Arts and Con-

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trivances. If you should be detected and turned out, nay, publickly *punished*, even that Guilt and Punishment may probably, hereafter, prove Circumstances in your Favour.

SUPPOSING, after this, you should lye by, for a while, and squander away your Fortune in Support of your Vanities, or Party, no matter which ; some lucky *Death*, Removal, or other Accident, will bring you a second Time into Play : In such Case, you are to display your Sufferings as greatly Meritorious, and owing more to your Principle, or Party, than to real *Demerit*. Upon this Foundation only, I will suppose you raised to a Post of great Eminence, tho' not the highest, that being reserved for the third and last great Period of your *Industrious Life*.

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IN this Station, you are to lay about you without Mercy, pay off the *Debts* you had contracted, with Employments in your *Gift*, plant your *Brokers* of Office in all Quarters of Town and Country, find Means to displace any *Officer* under you, that won't share with you the *Perquisites* of his Post, dictate to the rest of the Minisfy, and pretend to a Superiority in Right of your Employment and your personal *Qualifications*.

PROCEEDINGS of this Cast, may, indeed, cause your Removal a second Time, and even asperse your Character of *Probity*; but be not cast down at it; nor under Apprehensions of an Impeachment; for, it may so happen, that it will be a standing *Maxim* with the Court you serve, never to set on Foot, nor encourage a Parliamentary

mentary Prosecution against a Minister, however *culpable* and *noxious* he may be to the Nation; Publick Enquiries, however they be looked upon, nias. Checks on Evil Counsellors, are never to be suffered by future Princes that confide in *Power*, and may not be ambitious of ruling in the *Hearts* of their People.

THUS free from the Fears of Punishment, and grown up to the Size of a City *Plumb*, you may safely put on the Guise and Appearance of a *Patriot*, boldly inveigh against *Pensions*, *Jobbs*, *Corruption*, and, in general, against all *Court Measures*, as tending to encroach on the Liberties of the Subject, declare it, as your Opinion, on some very solemn Occasion, That the Drugerries of a Court are too *Weighty* for the Shoulders of any honest, upright *Man*, join with a seeming

seeming Zeal, if they should be weak enough to receive you, the Party in Opposition to the Court, speak in *Parliament*, with Contempt of the Ministry, and quit the Forms of common *Decency*, even to *Majesty* itself.

I WOULD have you write too still consistent with your Speeches in Publick ; your Lucubrations, however languid and unequal to the publick Expectation, must abound in trite Invectives against *Bribery*, *Taxes*, *Sea Armaments*, *Standing Armies* in Time of Peace, &c. This *Mock Patriotism* will be a Means of obliterating in the Minds the Peolpe your past *Frailities* in Office, and beget you Friends you were not able to raise to yourself, whilst you were in the Zenith of all your Influence ; so powerful is the outward Appearance only of Virtue !

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THIS new Weight of Interest, acquired by your Opposition to the Ministry, together with the Consternation into which some publick Calamity may throw the Court, will be, if I am not mistaken, a Means of raising you to the most important, as well as most *gainful* Station in the Kingdom, in which it will behove you to use the utmost Efforts of your *industrious* Art, as, in all probability, it will be the last Scene of your *active* Life.

SET out in this Post of Eminence, with making some cajoling publick *Contract*, which you will break through, as soon as your purpose is served; thus, like a true Proficient of your *Order*, you will grow into Importance, by *betraying* those that had put their Confidence in you; for *publick* *Faith*,

*Faith, is no Article in the Creed
of the Industrious.*

HERE, perhaps, you may be thought a necessary *Stop-gap* to oppose a Torrent levelled at some unfortunate *great Man*; And, altho' his Innocence would have clear'd him, if you had never been in Being; yet it would be your Business to make high Merit of your Services to him, and Triumph aloud, in being able to *screen* such over-grown Criminals. Afterwards, if this great Person should continue a Favourite with his Prince and Country, let it be your Care to have him put out of the *Way*, lest his Disinterestedness should Eclipse your *Industry*.

YOUR next Step must be to get rid of them, on whose Shoulders chiefly you had rose to Posterity; put him of the most distinguished

stinguished Character amongst them, at the Head of some very invidious publick *Undertaking*, as a Means for lessening that Credit with the World, which his own real *Merit* justly acquired him. You may imagine to find this of singular Use to you, if ever this *Person* should judge it proper to quit his Subserviency from any Dislike of your *Measures*, or your *Morals*: For, whatever he may think of a Right to Independency in a join'd Administration, you are never to admit of any thing of the Kind. These subtile, prying, virtuous *Men*, are by no means to be admitted into the Secrets of a *Minister*, who must be employ'd chiefly in Jobbs and dirty Work, in Expedients for giving present Ease, without seeing an Inch into *Futurity*, and in forming Schemes for corrupting and enslaving a free, and a brave, tho' unfortunate People.

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THUS discharging your Debts of Gratitude, by the Lump, will leave it more in your Power to provide plentifully for your own needy and numerous *Family*, whom you are to employ in Posts of the greatest Trust and Confidence, whether capable or incapable. If there should be any *Embassy* more pompous and lucrative than another, you must, by all Means, fill it with one of your near *Relations*; such a Step, will not only give Foreigners a strong Idea of your Power with your Master, but it will likewise be the best Security you can have, if you should think fit to *sink* great Part of the Money allowed, for *secret Services*, at the Court he goes to.

I WILL allow, indeed, that the Inequality of your Kinsman to so eminent a Post, either for Talents

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or *Figure*, may throw your Family, and Country too; into some small Share of Ridicule, both at Home and Abroad: But what of that? The present pecuniary Benefit, and the future Uses which you may make of his *Negotiations* in Parliament, will greatly out-weigh the *Sneers* of the Publick.

IN order to engross, entirely, your Prince's Favours, you may think it necessary to give him an ill Impression of his most capable and most faithful Servants; nay, tho' any one of them should have the Honour of being *nearly allied* to yourself; Family Alliances are Trifles with one resolved to immortalize his own *Name*: Besides, Men of any Virtue or Penetration are ugly Blocks in the Way of the *Industrious*; they are strange Impediments to the despotick Views of a Minister, determined, at all Hazards,

Hazards, to raise himself on the
Ruins of his Country. Cringing,
weak, wicked, supple Creatures,
are, by much, fitter Tools in the
Hands of a Grand Prior of your
Order.

If you should, about this Time,
form to your self Apprehensions of
any Danger, from the Influence of
an *Heir Apparent*, or the Virtue,
or Sagacity, of any of his Servants,
be sure to sow Family *Dissention*
plentifully; the Reasons for so
doing are too obvious for me to
mention.

I WILL now suppose your
Wheels of Power rid of all those
Clogs that may have, 'till this
Time, hung upon them, and leave
you, at full Liberty, to put in
Practice all your favourite Schemes
of *Wealth* without Controul:
And the better to answer these

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Views, it will be expedient for you to lead your Master into many contradictory *Negociations*, and frequent, tho' unnecessary, *Expeditions*. They will naturally create large Subsidies to foreign Potentates, and their *Prime Ministers* too, for secret Services, and will be Means of expending vast Sums at home ; all which must necessarily pass through your own unblemished *Fingers*. If one's Country were always to continue in perfect Tranquility, the Opportunities, for a Minister of accumulating *Riches*, would not be many. Besides, if ever your Prince should have the Tenderness of entertaining Thoughts of easing his People of any Part of their Burthen, you will, by these Means, oblige him to give up all Sentiments of that Kind.

PAYING off National Debts, or lessening Taxes, are Things that the

the Knights of your *Order* have a natural Aversion to, tho' there be nothing they seemingly appear to have more at Heart. And that you may with more Certainty acquire a Character of this last Kind, with the Publick, you will appropriate, what you may call the Savings of the Revenue, towards *sinking*, gradually, the National Incumbrance, tho', in the main, your Intention will be to reserve it as a Fund to answer some private pinching *Calls* of State, which some notorious, wilful Neglect of your own may have occasioned.

A S E E M I N G Disregard of Titles and Honours will well become a Chief of your Order; therefore, rather *admit* your Prince to confer some *Hereditary* ones in your Family, than accept of any yourself: Not, but that I would recommend to you to procure one
of

of the most *Distinguished*, to be taken up whenever you shall think it necessary to retire with the dear *Fruits* of your *Labours*; for you are never to forget, that the Money-giving Part of the Legislature is far more manageable in the Hands of one of their own *Corps* than by any other. Such is the *Frailty* of human *Nature*, to be easiest decoyed by *Equals*.

If, in this Plenitude of Power, your August *Master* should be unexpectedly snatched away, leaving you the Victim of a *Successor* but too justly irritated against you, for the injurious *Sights* put upon him, chiefly by your Means; then, then, my *Patron*, are you to put your Invention to the utmost Stretch, and practice the most refined Arts of your industrious *Order*. Gently touch each soothing String that leads to the *Royal Heart*: Engage
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your Squadrons, whilst yet doubtful, if you, or another, is to command them; to make Grants larger than was asked for, or, even expected; Grants unparalleled in the British Annals.

ADD to this Testimony of your profound Regard, a future Provision for a Consort (if then there should happen to be any) who may bear that Sway, to which her conjugal Affection, and conspicuous Complacency, intitle her. If any faithful old Servant of hers, out of a due Regard to his Country, should decently oppose a Profusion in such Grant; nay, tho' he should have your own Consent in the Opposition, carefully improve so happy an Opportunity to your own Advantage; represent his Parcimony, on the Occasion, as a Mark of his Dis-esteem of his Royal Mistress, and a certain Sign of

of his Unfitness to answer the Royal Expectation, if he were to fill your high Station.

THUS shall you be confirmed in Power, without the Fear of being supplanted by one, whose Merit may have been his only *Crime*, and to which, in great Measure, it may be said, you are to owe your *Success*.

To convince the Publick of the Weight of your new-founded Influence, it will be necessary that you procure the Continuance of some *One* in an eminent *Post*, that had deserved the highest Marks of your *Master's* Resentment: One, too, with Abilities, scarcely equal to the most inferior Post of State, and whose only Merit will be his Subservency to your absolute *Self*. A F--- of high Quality adds a Lustre to the Equipage of a private

vate Man in Power ; besides, as it was observed before, such Tools are more governable than Men of far more superior Talents.

As your unexpected Continuance in Power, in so critical a Conjunction, cannot fail of raising you new Enemies among a People, that may have impatiently enough bore the Excess of your Influence in the late Reign : It will stand you upon it to be extremely vigilant and early in Preparatives against their Machinations. Able Pens are to be drawn in your Cause, and your Adversaries are to be painted in the deepest Dyes of Disobedience, Disloyalty, and Diaffection. Spare no Expence, no Industry, in procuring Pens of the greatest Erudition, and most poinant Satire ; for nothing denotes a Minister's Incapacity, or the Wickedness of his Administration, or *both*, more

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than a weak or puerile Defence of his Measures.

IT may so happen, that some very great misrepresented Statesman, a bright and shining *Genius*, may, about this Time, write, from a Retirement, partly owing to Misfortune, but chiefly to your implacable Hatred of his Merit, and consummate Knowledge, in Affaris of Government; I say, such a one may rise, in pure Love of his Country, and retail out Weekly *Essays*, to warn his Fellow-Subjects against, what he may call the evil Tendency of your Administration. In such Case you are never to admit your Scribes, in Pay, to enter into serious Argument with him; for that, I apprehend, would turn greatly to your own Discredit; but chuse rather to order him to be attacked in such Parts of his Armour, as seem to have been weakened by Slander,

der, Calumny, Falshood, Misrepresentation, Party-Animosities, and a Train of unhappy Circumstances; for there only you can have any Chance of giving the least Scar to this great Man in Obscurity; and even your Success, in this trivial Point, if you should have any at all, which I very much doubt of, will be only in the Opinions of a very few of the *misguided* common Sort.

You must never lose View of that truely *Machiavellian* Maxim, of impoverishing a Nation you would rule with Ease; for a People, in Possession of Wealth and Affluence, seldom give up their Liberties tamely. In order to this, you will find it necessary to introduce Luxury amongst them, in all its alluring Shapes; of Buildings, costly Furniture, gay Equipage, rich Birth-day Suits, expensive

Diversions, &c. for *Poverty* naturally follows, so necessary towards paving the Way for that darling ministerial Engine *Corruption*.

Y O U must likewise take proper Steps for Sacrificing her Trade and Commerce, to the Encroachments of her Neighbours; and if any foreign Powers, however impotent at *Sea*, should think fit to disturb her *Navigation*, let them do it with Impunity. But if the aggrieved Subjects should, at any Time, raise Claimours which you cannot, with any Decency, avoid taking Notice of, apply such Remedies only, as may *stifle* the publick Resentment for the present, without any real Purpose of Redress.

To carry on the same laudable Views, it will be absolutely necessary, that a considerable National Force

Force be constantly kept on Foot, and large Subsidies paid to foreign Princes, for keeping the like at your Disposal, in Case of Necessity : Thus shall the Enemies to your Administration be awed into Obedience, for as to the Affections of the People, they must be the least of your Care ; and thus shall you prevent the ill Consequences that may be justly apprehended from the Novelty of a Standing Army, in a Country of Liberty and Freedom, and the Exorbitance of the Sums raised annually on the People in Times of seeming Peace and Tranquility.

I T must be remembered too, that no Diminution is ever to be made in those Branches of the Revenue that more immediately affect your native *Manufactures* ; for no Methods will more probably hurry on the Work of Impoverishment, as,

as lustily clogging those Nerves of the National Wealth.

AND here, let me put you in Mind of never giving Way to Petitions for remedying any palpable Decays in your Manufactures, but especially in the *Woollen*, that Spring of all our Wealth and Power: But if, at any Time, the Generality of the Murmurs and Complaints should drive you to a seeming Approbation of the Measures concerted for that End, be sure you take proper Means for rendering them abortive. You won't find any thing of this Kind difficult in a certain great Assembly (however revered for Honour and Integrity heretofore) where you must always have the greatest Influence, whilst you can give, and Lords will act like S-----. You may safely throw all your Drudgeries, of this Nature, on a Corps

Corps in which the Virtuous will be few in Number, and your Votaries many. The *industrious* Knights, in *Lawn*, will be ever submissive to your high Commands, whilst there are such Things as *G---d* and *Translations*, and *Lambeth* is so near the *Painted Chamber*.

As for the far-famed Northern Bands, who had disposed, long since, of their own L----ies, you are not to doubt of their Resignation to your Will, whilst you have it in your Power to bestow. These are a Sort of honourable *Swiss*, that always march under his Banners who bids most for their Services. If there should be any *Exception* among that *wise* People, you will generally find they proceed, more from your Adoption of one Party amongst them, in Prejudice of another, than from any

any Contempt of your *Favours.*
 No Nation can travel at a cheaper
Rate than this hardy People: It
 were to be wished, your native
 household *Troops* could be brought
 to be contented with foreign *Pay.*

YOU may find yourself, indeed,
 abandoned, in Course of Time, by
 even the most *zealous* of that pe-
 netrating People, whenever they
 shall chance to have their Eyes
 opened, and see through your
 Designs of *Oppression*; but it may
 so happen, that you may have al-
 ready gone such Lengths, as will
 render their *Desertion* from you
 of very little Consequence.

I COULD name *one* of that in-
 dustrious People that will be of
 singular Use to you, if he should
 be still living, in your Administra-
 tion. His Birth and Alliances, his
 great natural and acquired Talents,
 his

his Art in publick Debates, his
Dissimulation, Avarice, and Lust
of Power, tho' even in a subordi-
nate Degree, his Irreligion, and
Love of Confusion; and, in fine,
very many other *industrious* Quali-
fications, render him capable of
eminently assisting a Grand Prior
of your Order, in his Attempts
upon a free People.

AND here it may be needless
to recommend to you, that are na-
turally a Latitudinarian, to intro-
duce the Practice of *Atheism* and
Impiety, among those you would
enslave. You must believe that
Sensuality, in all its Branches,
Perjury, *Corruption*, and a Train
of other useful *Vices*, will be the
Consequence of both; they will,
naturally too, lead the Bulk of the
People, to a Disregard of *Posterity*,
a Consideration absolutely necessary
for their concurring in an Invasion
of their own Liberties.

EXAMPLE, and particularly that of the *Great*, seldom fails of carrying away the unthinking, always the Majority of a Nation, from their Duties, both moral and divine: But, if you would destroy a Sense of both in them, suddenly, and effectually, chuse for them such *Chiefs*, in Religion, as are most likely to answer your Views; Men little famed for Learning, and distinguished for *Heterodoxy* and depraved *Morals*.

THE Secrets of the Cabinet and the Exchequer, will always furnish you with Means of causing frequent Fluctuations in our publick Funds; immense Sums may be raised this Way; it will be as ready a Method, as any I know of, for insensibly impoverishing a stubborn People, and laying up a plentiful Provision against a wet *Day*.

AND, if ever the intire Regulation of a *Weapon* so dangerous, in

in the Hands of an *industrious* Minister, should be proposed by your Enemies, it is needless for me to tell you, after what Manner you are to determine of its Fate ; like that of every thing else that may clash with your Interest, or Scheme of Dominion. The Knights, with *Commanderies*, will readily supply you with the Means, in either the Right or Left *Wings* of your Forces. As for the *Main* of your Army, it ought never to be drawn out but on extraordinary Occasions, such as assisting you in quelling Insurrections, cashiering *Mutineers* in your *Wings*, or covering your *Retreat* in some very great *Emergency*.

I SHOULD hope, from a judicious Execution of this Scheme of Government, that the *People* will, by this Time, be full *ripe* for the *Yoke* designed for them from the Beginning of your *Administration*: But if, contrary to all human Ex-

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pectation, they should happen to be rowed from the political Le^{Had}thargy you had cast them into for many Years together, and they should penetrate into your Intentions through the best covered Disguise, make an intrepid and bold Retreat, openly casting at their own Doors the fresh Burthen's they must be loaded with, and any future Calamity that may beset them; vowing, at the same Time, Revenge for their Obsturacy, in not agreeing to the Choice of *easy* Manacles you had projected for them,

BUT if, after all your Flourishes of an affected Courage, they should still persist in their Contumacy, and even proceed to open Threats and Menaces; in such Case, you may, indeed, draw out the *main Body* of your Forces to your *Aid*, as necessary to silence the publick Clamour, or share with you,

you, at least, the pretended *Iniquity* of the Undertaking.

IT is a Privilege annexed to the Office of Grand Prior, to have Leave, on Occasion, to squat behind the Throne, and even oblige her, to take to herself Loads, too unwieldy for their own Shoulders. The Infallibility, which some Time-serving Lawyers ascribe to that venerable Elbow Chair, seems to authorize this Practice. It is true, indeed, that our wisest Rulers, at all Times, have been very sparing in the Use of this Prerogative, and, therefore, were Ministers, in all such Reigns, exceeding cautious in the Discharge of their Function; but the late Revolution seems to have adjusted this Point to the general Satisfaction. We are greatly ridiculed by learned Foreigners, for assigning Infallibility to our Kings, at the same time that we refuse it to our Church.

Church. But to return to our Subject.

As your Miscarriage in an Attempt of this high Importance (which the uninformed *Multitude* will reasonably imagine, should draw down immediate Vengeance upon you) may, contrary to their Hopes, turn out to your Advantage, and rivet you but the more firmly in the good Opinion of your indulgent and *discerning* Master, so it will engage you to be more obsequious, if possible, than you had been, to his Royal Will, for the Time to come; and not only carefully improve for him, his own particular *Revenues*, but also assist him most liberally with those of the Publick, towards carrying his future laudable Views of Peace or *War* into Execution.

If, happily, a War should break out on the Continent, during your Administration (to which your own

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unnatural Alliances, and your contradictory Carriage towards the several contending Powers, may have chiefly contributed) neglect not a Conjunction so favourable to your own Views, and the *Martial Genius* of your *Master*, who, now, will be furnished with Opportunities of indulging his Inclinations, making a Figure at the Head of numerous Armies, and exercising his warlike Talents in Defence of his own *Possessions*, or in Vindication of some favourite *Ally*.

THUS shall you have a most specious Pretence of augmenting the Number of our National Troops, more heavily loading a mutinous and discontented People, and for giving a mortal *Stab* to the consumptive Trade of your Country. It may not, however, be amiss to delay, for a while, an intended Declaration of War, that the Conquests of one of the contest-

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ing Parties may render a great Expence, and the Protraction of the War, the more necessary.

A LONG and expensive War, perhaps, an unsuccessful one too, gloriously precipitates the Ruin of a gloomy head-strong People, that you had taken effectual Care should not be disburthened of former Incumbrances, in the Course of many Years seeming Tranquillity.

THE Flames of War can never more opportunely break out for you, than at the Eye of an approaching Election of Parliament, as the seeming Safety of the very State itself, will furnish you with a plausible Pretext of continuing the present, that had so eminently distinguished itself in supporting your Measures ; but if, on sounding the Individuals of your Troops, you should find an Innovation of this Kind impracticable, as imagin-

ing that a general Confusion must be the Consequence of it, and so be obliged to drop the Design for Self-preservation ; still, I say, you will be the better enabled, by the Increase of the *Revenue*, to pay profusely for a new Choice of your *Favourites* ; or, if you should fail in that, you will more abundantly have the Means in your Hands of securing, afterwards, the *Suffrages* of those that may have made Court to the Electors, by their open Dislike of, or Opposition to, your *Ministry*.

No *Industry*, no Flattery, no Expence, is to be spared in procuring a Majority in Parliament ; for, as a Minister can never be truly said to be *safe* without it, so likewise will he never be able to execute his deep *Designs* on the People, without the Concurrence of their Representatives.

I T may, with more Truth, be said of *Great Britain*, what the fa-

mous Melanchton prophesied of Germany; *Si Turca in Germaniam veniet, veniet par Poloniam.* If ever Britain should become a Province to any foreign Power, or a Prey to the aspiring Views of one of her own Sons, by a Dissolution of her well-framed Constitution, it will, it must be by her Parliaments.

UPON the Event of a new Election, and, indeed, throughout the whole Course of your Administration, it will be your Interest, strenuously to prevent a *Coalition* of Parties, if ever an Attempt of that dangerous Nature should be set on Foot by the Enemies to your Prosperity; for as you must necessarily owe your *Rise* to Party, you are to subsist by Party and Division; and, therefore it must be a Maxim with you, never to be departed from, to support Party-Distinction, and, by a continued Fermentation, never to suffer the Spirit of it to die away among the People.

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You will find this more particularly useful to you, in your Designs, on the Dissenters, a Set of People that have been always *Weak* enough to look on Party-Dissention, as the Bulwark of the Toleration which they enjoy. They may still act upon this mistaken Principle, and, perhaps, join you (that, I am to suppose, had often deluded them with Promises of more extensive Liberty) in this View, and in Pique to the Men who set a *Coalition* on Foot, more than from an Approbation of your *Measures*, or any *Faith* in your Assurances. You have a pregnant Instance of this in the Reign of King *James* the Second; who more fawning or cringing to that Prince's *Ministry*, or more warm in Addresses to the *Throne*? And who more slow in Resistance, in that Time of common Danger?

THE Influence of the great Companies will very much add to your

Weight, in all your Undertakings of Moment, particularly in Elections of Parliament; and that you may the more closely fix them to your Interest, you are to screen them, and the Individuals of them, at all Times, from National Inquiries. Acts of Grace for the *industrious* are infinitely more salutary than publick Researches, to which you must never give Way, on any Pretence whatsoever. An Inspection into the Malversation of an Inferior, may insensibly draw after it an Inquiry into the Conduct of a Superior. Besides, that it would be perfect Contradiction, for one that is to raise and support himself by *Fraud, Deceit and Corruption*, to suffer Delinquents of this Cast, to be brought to Punishment.

I HAD almost forgot to caution you against the Intrigues and Power of the great Trading Towns and Cities of the Kingdom, particularly that of *London*. As this great Repository

postory of our Wealth, may be inclined to oppose your Attempts against the common Liberty, it will be necessary that you let the Nation see in how contemptible a Light she appears to you and your Party. Let her be notoriously slighted and despised, on some very solemn publick Occasion of Joy and *Congratulation*; and whenever one of her Members, famed for Zeal, Integrity, and Wisdom, shall propose Laws, ever so necessary for the Publick *Weal*, reject them with Scorn, as coming from him, that the whole City may be convinced of your Disregard and Contempt of her and her Sons, however deservedly revered by the Publick. A truly *industrious* Minister, such as I foresee you will become, is, at no Time, to suffer, with Impunity, an Opposition from saucy, impudent, purse-proud Mechanicks; let them be reduced to the Condition of *Beggars*, such as they must really be.

be brought so, before you can, with any Safety, bring about your great Designs of *Slavery* and *Oppression*.

AND that they, and the whole Nation, may be convinced, beyond any Contradiction, of your Influence, your Steadiness, and the Uniformity of your *Administration*; it will be necessary, that, at one bold Stroke, you procure your Master to be intrusted with the Lives, Liberties, and Fortunes of all your Fellow-Subjects.

A POWER of this high and unusual Nature, vested in him, without any Limitation, can never be given him, more opportunely, than just before the Dissolution of one Parliament, and the Election of another; for, you will not only thereby strengthen his Hands, in an Interval of such seeming Danger and Confusion, towards crushing such *Malecontents*, as your own upright Measures cannot fail of creat-

creating, among a People obstinately bent on the Preservation of their Liberties; but it will likewise prove the most effectual Means of intimidating and frightening the Bulk of the Electors into Obedience and Subserviency, a Point so necessary, to a Minister, like you, that can propose to himself no Sort of Confidence in their Affections, nor Approbation of his Ministry.

Thus, Sir, I have kept my Promise with you, endeavouring, like another Mentor, to chalk out for you, such Out-Lines of Government as are most likely to answer your Views of Power and Wealth; Views great and laudable, as they must be calculated to reform the Constitution of your Country, seeming to you, crazy and feeble, by its long Duration; your own Experience, young as you are, will supply any Deficiencies in the Maxims laid down by me in the Course of this Paper.

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— THIS Herculean Work of Reformation seems reserved for you, who cannot be matched in your own, or, perhaps, in any other Country in Europe. And now, Sir, permit me to recommend the Protection of my poor Labours to you, in wishing you the just Rewards of your own; and that, if at any Time hereafter, the Publick should think the common Safety required a general Inspection into your Conduct, you may find a Master who will chuse rather to fall along with you, than give you up a Victim to a National Resentment.



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